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Mr. Thomas Tetting Engineering Geologist Division of Oil, Gas & Mining 1588 West North Temple Salt Lake City, UT 84116

Re: MERCUR Project Drilling

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DIVISION OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Dear Tom:

As we discussed on the phone the other day, the time has come to change the permitting strategy for the Mercur Project drilling activity. In the past, we have sent you notices of intent to explore every year for all of our drilling at Mercur. Each year these notices have become more complicated to produce as our close-spaced drilling rate approached 340 holes at spacing of 100-200'.

Since our last exploration notice was filed with your office, we have re-zoned 2500 acres in the central Mercur area for industrial use and have filed a Mining and Reclamation Plan for much of the same area. We have control of all of the land within the rezoned boundary and are the only company likely to drill in this area.

In light of the above information, we propose that all future drilling within the rezoned boundary (map included) be considered development drilling and not exploratory work. All future drilling in this boundary will be controlled by Getty and the reclamation work will be appropriate for the particular future mining use of the land as follows:

- 1) Holes which encounter significant ground water will be plugged with mud. 7
- 2) All holes will be fitted with surface plugs and marked.
- 3) Surface disturbance will be held to a feasible minimum.
- Debris and equipment will be cleared from each site when drilling at the site is completed.
- Drill sites and access roads will not be reclaimed over ore deposits planned for future open-pit mining. Outlying disturbances not



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located over future mining areas and not needed for future use will be reclaimed.

- 6) Reclamation will consist of regrading and scarifying compacted areas after which fertilizer and grass seed will be applied.
- 7) Information on significant ground water shows will be filed with the Division annually.

If this notice meets with your approval, we will operate under it without further future notice unless the operating conditions change. Drilling outside of the boundary will be handled as in the past.

Sincerely,

Brian W. Buck

Environmental Coordinator

BWB/rlc Enclosure

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